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SUBJECT: ALUMINUM SCRAP

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1. FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL:

A. POST ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE ITALIAN IMPORTS OF ALUMINUM SCRAP IN CY 1973; 42,000 - 45,000 METRIC TONS, OF WHICH 1ST QUARTER 20 PERCENT, 2ND QUARTER 25 PERCENT, 3RD QUARTER 25, PERCENT, 4TH QUARTER 30 PERCENT.

B. PROBABLE IMPORTS FROM US: BETWEEN 1,200 AND 1,300 METRIC TONS (ABOUT 3 PERCENT TOTAL IMPORTS). NOTE: US SHARE OF ITALIAN ALUMINUM SCRAP IMPORT MARKET HAS PROGRESSIVELY DECLINED TO 3 PERCENT IN 1972 FROM LEVEL OF 32.5 PERCENT IN 1969, WHEN US WAS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER. BY 1972, FRANCE, AUSTRIA, WEST GERMANY, USSR, SWITZERLAND, HUNGARY, AND YUGOSLAVIA RANKED AHEAD OF US AS SUPPLIERS.

C. EXPORT-IMPORT CONTROLS: ITALY, WITHIN CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY REGULATIONS, MAINTAINS QUOTAS ON ALUMINUM SCRAP AND WASTE EXPORTS. 1972 QUOTA FOR ALUMINUM SCRAP, WASTE EXPORTS WAS 280 METRIC TONS. FOR 1973, QUOTAS HAVE BEEN FIXED BY EC IN TERMS OF EACH MEMBER COUNTRY'S CONSUMPTION OF ALUMINUM METAL: 0.15 PERCENT OF OVERALL ALUMINUM METAL CONSUMPTION. (AS 1972 ITALIAN CONSUMPTION WAS 458,000 METRIC TONS, 1973 ITALIAN QUOTA ACCORDING OUR ESTIMATES WOULD BE ABOUT 687 METRIC TONS (SEE EEC REGULATION

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D. ARRANGEMENTS TO CONTROL DOMESTIC ALUMINUM SCRAP PRICES OR
IMPACT OF PRICE FLUCTUATIONS: INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.

E. ALUMINUM SCRAP PRICES: FOLLOWING DATA REPRESENTS DECEMBER
31, 1972 AND MAY 31, 1973 MILAN MARKET MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM QUOTA-
TIONS IN THOUSANDS OF LIRE PER METRIC TON (\$1.00-581.5 LIRE):

NEW SHEET CUTTINGS	12/31/72	5/31/73
UNALLOYED - EURO VIII/4	242 - 257	260 - 275

USED SHEETS AND SCRAPS,		
2ND CHOICE - EURO VIII/10	171 - 186	215 - 230

MIXED CASTINGS WITH IRON		
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